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SUBJECT: MBFR: PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES FOR DELEGATION MEMBERS;

CONFERENCE COSTS-SENIOR POLITICAL COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

JULY 25

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SUMMARY: SPC AGREED THAT NATIONAL DELEGATIONS SHOULD BE ATTACHED TO EMBASSY STAFFS, PRESUMABLY UNDER SEPARATE LISTING. UK DEL OFFERED PROCEDURAL SUGGESTION WHICH MAY HELP RESOLVE QUESTION OF STATUS OF INTERNATIONAL PERSONNEL. COMMITTEE ALSO HELD PRELIMINARY EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON PAYMENT OF CONFERENCE COSTS. END SUMMARY.

2. CHAIRMAN RAISED QUESTION OF STATUS OF INTERNATIONAL STAFF, INTERNATIONAL MILITARY STAFF AND SHAPE REPS IN VIENNA. MAJORITY FAVORED ATTACHMENT TO EMBASSY STAFFS, THOUGH SOME DID SO RELUCTANTLY AND ITALIAN AND GREEK REPS WERE WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS. UK REP WAS STILL UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO OPPOSE ATTACHEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL PERSONNEL TO EMBASSY STAFFS BUT MADE IT CLEAR THAT HMG HAD NO OBJECTION TO OTHER COUNTRIES DOING SO IF THEY CHOSE. CONFIDENTIAL

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HE SAID HE HAD SUGGESTED TO FCO THAT AMEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BE DRAFTED BETWEEN EACH MEMBER COUNTRY AND SACEUR, CHAIRMAN MILITARY COMMITTEE AND SYG RESPECTIVELY GRANTING EACH NATIONAL AMBASSADOR IN VIENNA DISCRETIONARY RIGHT TOT REFUSE ATTACHMENT IN

INDIVIDUAL CASES AND GIVING HIM THE SAME KIND OF AUTHORITY OVER INTERNATIONAL PERSONNEL ATTACHED TO HIS STAFF THAT HE WOULD NORMALLY EXERCISE OVER REGULAR EMBASSY STAFF MEMBERS.

2. CANADIAN REP SUPPORTED THIS SUGGESTION. COMMITTEE AGREED TO DISCUSS FURTHER AT JULY 31 MEETING. REQUEST GUIDANCE ON THIS SUGGESTION. WE RECOMMEND ACCEPTANCE. THE SUGGESTION ENTAILS SOME ADDITIONAL PAPER WORK BUT WOULD BE HELPFUL IN CLARIFYING LINES OF AUTHORITY FOR AMBASSADORS AND ENABLING UK TO WITHDRAW THEIR RESERVATION AND SPC TO FINALLY DISPOSE OF THIS ISSUE.

3. COMMITTEE AGREED THAT NATIONAL DELEGATIONS WOULD BE ATTACHED TO EMBASSY STAFFS WITH SEPARATE LISTING ON EMBASSY ROSTER. CHAIRMAN ASKED WHETHER THIS NEEDED TO BE DISCUSSED FURTHER WITH WARSAW PACE REPS BUT COMMITTEE AGREED THERE SEEMED TO BE NO NEED TO DO SO AS WP REPS HAD ALREADY AGREED TO THIS PROCEDURE.

4. TURNING TO QUESTION OF AN "INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT" SUGGESTED BY AUSTRIANS (REFTEL), COMMITTEE AGREED IT WAS PREFERABLE TO HAVE BELGIANS AND POLES DEAL WITH THE AUSTRIANS ON ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS AS IN THE PAST. BELGIAN REP AGREED, NOTING THE AUSTRIAN SUGGESTION PROBABLY AROSE BECAUSE AT VARIOUS TIMES DURING THE EXPLORATORY TALKS EITHER THE COGNIZANT BELGIAN OR POLISH REP WAS NOT AVAILABLE AND THE AUSTRIANS FOUND THIS INCONVENIENT. BELGIAN REP ASSURED COMMITTEE THAT HIS DELEGATION WOULD BE FULLY STAFFED FOR THE NEGOTIATING PHASE AND THIS PROBLEM WOULD NOT ARISE.

5. CHAIRMAN NOTED AUSTRIANS WERE NOW ASKING THAT NEGOTIATING SIDES ABSORB ALL CONFERENCE EXPENSES (REFTEL). BELGIAN REP SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO CHECK WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF HIS VIENNA DELEGATION, BUT DID NOT THINK THAT THE AUSTRIANS HAD GIVEN ANY INDICATION DURING THE EXPLORATORY TALKS THAT THEY ENVISAGED ANY CHANGE IN FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEGOTIATING PHASE. HE STATED, HOWEVER, THAT BASED ON AN INFORMAL REMARK MADE BY HIS POLISH COUNTERPART, HE THOUGHT THE WP SIDE MIGHT BE WILLING TO PAY THEIR SHARE. BELGIAN REP THEREFORE THOUGHT IT TACTICALLY PREFERABLE TO LET WP COME TO NATO WITH ANY SUGGESTIONS ON THIS PROBLEM RATHER THAN THE NATO CONFIDENTIAL

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SIDE APPROACHING THEM ABOUT IT. CANADIAN REP SUGGESTED COMMITTEE LOOK AT RELEVANT CORRESPONDENCE WITH GOA TO DETERMINE WHETHER THEIR AGREEMENT TO ABSORB CONFERENCE EXPENSES ALSO APPLIED TO NEGOTIATING PHASE. IF IT DID NOT, AND IF THEY INSISTED THAT NEGOTIATORS PAY EXPENSES, HE DID NOT SEE HOW NATO COULD REFUSE. BELGIAN REP SUGGESTED THAT PERHAPS AGREEMENT LIKE THAT ORIGINALLY REACHED WITH SWISS WOULD BE BEST WE COULD HOPE FOR, I.E. "HOST" COUNTRY PAYS ONLY FOR THE CONFERENCE BUILDING ITSELF WITH ALL OTHER EXPENSES BEING ABSORBED BY THE PARTICIPANTS. ASKED HOW NATO SHOULD REPLY TO AUSTRIANS ON THIS MATTER.

6. SPC WILL TAKE UP THESE ISSUES AGAIN IN JULY 31 MEETING AT WHICH POINT WE WOULD FIND IT USEFUL TO OFFER US VIEWS IN ORDER TO

FACILITATE AGREEMENT ON SOME OF THESE PROBLEMS.

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